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1. EMBASSY IN PROCESS ANALYZING DISTRIBUTION AND INCUMBENCIES PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. FOR REFINEMENT, HOWEVER, THIS MUST AWAIT DESIGNATIONS NEW MINISTERS. INITIAL APPEARANCE IS THAT REGIONAL BALANCE MUCH IMPROVED, THAT MEN KNOWN FOR MODERATION DURING ETHNIC TENSIONS OF FEBRUARY-MARCH ARE BEING CHOSEN AND THAT, AS GENERAL PROPOSITION, "FRINGE" AREAS OF COUNTRY THAT EVEN IN FEUDAL TIMES WERE EXCLUDED FROM POWER AND INFLUENCE WILL HAVE GREATER VOICE. GOVERNMENT EDITORIAL ON RADIO REFERS TO "OUR SECOND REVOLUTION" AND SAYS WORK TO CONSOLIDATE IT "WILL CONTINUE BEYOND SELFISH AND SEPARATIST POLITICS."

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2. ALL RWANDAN AMBASSADORS BEING RECALLED FOR CONSULTATION, WITH HALF OF THEM ALREADY BACK AND REST EXPECTED WITHIN DAY OR SO. RELIABLE BELGIAN FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE SPECULATES MANY OF THEM WILL LOSE JOBS INCLUDING MAN IN BRUSSELS. HE WAS UNCERTAIN OF FATE OF FIDELE NKUNDABAGENZI, AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON AND UN, REMARKING "HE IS VERY CLEAVER."

3. ALL IF NOT MOST OF EX-MINISTERS HAVE CACATED THEIR GOVERNMENT HOUSES. EX-MINISTER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION MUNYANEZA AND FAMILY ARE LIVING IN CRAMPED QUARTERS IN LOCAL MOTEL. PHOTOGRAPH OF GENERAL HABYALIMANA IN UNIFORM AND DESIGNATING HIM "PRESIDENT OF RWANDAN REPUBLIC" APPEARING IN PLACES OF BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES.
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